

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 7240–7251; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 442; and H. Res. 1523–1524 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 6694, to revise the requirements for seller-financed downpayments for mortgages for single-family housing insured by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development under title II of the National Housing Act and to authorize risk-based insurance premiums for certain mortgagors under such mortgages, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–905);

H.R. 840, to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to consolidate the housing assistance programs for homeless persons under title IV of such Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–906);

H. Res. 1525, providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 1424) to amend section 712 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, section 2705 of the Public Health Service Act, section 9812 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require equity in the provision of mental health and substance-related disorder benefits under group health plans, and to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment (H. Rept. 110–907); and H. Res. 1526, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules and waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 110–908).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Serrano to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Barry C. Black, Chaplain, United States Senate.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Authorizing funding for the National Crime Victim Law Institute to provide support for victims of crime under Crime Victims Legal Assistance Programs as a part of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984: S. 3641, to authorize funding for the National Crime Victim Law Institute to provide support for victims of crime under Crime Victims Legal Assistance Programs as a part of the Victims

of Crime Act of 1984, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 410 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 676 and

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Agreed to table the motion to reconsider the vote by a recorded vote of 295 yeas to 115 nays, Roll No. 677.

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Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2008: H.R. 7221, amended, to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 355 yeas to 61 nays, Roll No. 678.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:55 p.m. and reconvened at 5:05 p.m.

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Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

National Guard and Reservists Debt Relief Act of 2008: S. 3197, to amend title 11, United States Code, to exempt for a limited period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days.

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Directing the Secretary of the Senate to correct the enrollment of the bill S. 3001: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 442, to direct the Secretary of the Senate to correct the enrollment of the bill S. 3001.

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Capitol Visitor Center Act of 2008: The House agreed by unanimous consent to agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 5159, to establish the Office of the Capitol Visitor Center within the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, headed by the Chief Executive Officer for Visitor Services, to provide for the effective management and administration of the Capitol Visitor Center.

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Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall on December 2, 2008, for ceremonies and activities held in connection with the opening of the Capitol Visitor Center to the public: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 435, to authorize the use of Emancipation Hall on December 2, 2008, for ceremonies and activities held in connection with the opening of the Capitol Visitor Center to the public.

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Honoring and recognizing Alice Mary Robertson who, while a Member of Congress, became the first woman to preside over the floor of the House of Representatives: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 1272, to honor and recognize Alice Mary Robertson who, while a Member of Congress, became the first woman to preside over the floor of the House of Representatives.

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Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to correct the enrollment of H.R. 6063: The House agreed by unanimous consent to agree to S. Con. Res. 105, to direct the Clerk of the House of Representatives to correct the enrollment of H.R. 6063.

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Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance for a term of three years: Upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader: Ms. Helen Benjamin of Vallejo, California and upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader: Mr. Anthony Guida of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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Providing for an adjournment or recess of the two Houses: The House agreed to the Senate amendments to H. Con. Res. 440, providing for an adjournment or recess of the two Houses.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H10645–46, H10670–71 and H10686.

Senate Referrals: S. 602 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce; S. 1703 and S. 3658 were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; S. 3013 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Committee on Veterans Affairs; S. 3073 was referred to the Committee on House Administration; and S. Con. Res. 105 and S. 3197 were held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H10671, H10672 and H10672–73. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule allowing the Speaker to entertain motions to suspend the rules through the legislative day of October 3, 2008. The Speaker or her designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to the resolution. The resolution waives the requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII, requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee. This would allow for same day consideration of any resolution reported by the Rules Committee through the legislative day of October 3, 2008. The rule provides that House Resolution 1516 is laid upon the table.

EMERGENCY ECONOMIC STABILIZATION ACT OF 2008

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 1424: the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008; the Energy Improvement and Extension Act of 2008; and the Tax Extenders and Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act of 2008. The rule makes in order a motion by the chairman of the Committee on Financial Services to concur in the Senate amendments. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion. The rule provides that the Senate amendments and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides for 90 minutes of debate on the motion, with 60 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services and 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the motion to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Frank and Representatives DeFazio, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Bachus, LaTourette and Latham.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1221)

H.R. 5551, to amend title 11, District of Columbia Official Code, to implement the increase provided under the District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2008, in the amount of funds made available for the compensation of attorneys representing indigent defendants in the District of Columbia courts. Signed on October 2, 2008. (Public Law 110–335)